LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH

Domestic

The Interstate Club will erect a clubhouse on Walden's Ridge, near Chattanooga. The house and grounds will cost several million dollars. Former Senator Blackburn will be president and President Roosevelt will be vice president.

The New York Public Service Commission has decided that scrip dividends cannot be issued under the law, and has denied the application of the Erie Railroad for authority to issue such dividends.

District Attorney Jerome is preparing his answer to the charges of neglect of duty for failing to prosecute the men who bankrupted the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

Commandant Fullam, of the naval training station at Newport, reports that it is expected to graduate this year 7,000 apprentice yeomen, musicians and cooks for the service.

Rev. Dr. Theodore M. Riley, rector of Christ Church, at Hudson, N. Y., explained his withdrawal as first vice president of the recently organized Anglo-Roman Union.

Joseph Gallions, 37 years old, a plumber's helper, was found murdered in his shop at Lowell, Mass., and a former roommate has been arrested on suspicion.

During a riot among Italians employed on construction work north of Steubenville, O., one foreman was fatally stabbed and another was thrown under a moving train and cut to pieces.

A fire which destroyed the plant of the Rubber Goods Manufacturing Company, Passaic, drove about 75 employes into the place into the street in a panic.

Dr. C. Voline, president of the White Hand Society in Chicago, has received threatening letters stating that he is under sentence of death by the Black Hand.

The extreme cold and deep snows have caused the more ferocious wild animals in the neighborhood of Huntington, Pa., to become unusually dangerous.

Edward Price, a railroad engineer, shot and killed his wife, set fire to the house at Pomeroy, Ohio, and then blew out his own brains.

The first state bank of Clear Lake, 12 miles south of Cloud, on the Northern Pacific, was robbed of $3,000 in currency.

Edward R. Thomas and Orlando F. Thomas, engaged in financial enterprise, were indicted in New York for violation of the banking law, while they were in control of the Provident Loan Savings and Trust Society, which they bought from Timothy L. Woodruff.

Information that Henry Sanger Snow, the defaulting cashier of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, who disappeared two weeks ago, had been seen in a hotel in Toronto, Can., on Wednesday reached the Brooklyn police.

Two persons were probably fatally burned, a dozen more severely injured and scores were rescued during the two early morning fires in New York.

Portuguese in New England held united services in Lisbon, France, Carlos and Crown Prince Luiz of Portugal.

Mrs. Anna M. Wightman Walker, of Philadelphia, one of the richest women of America, was married to Frederick Courtland Penfield in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Penfield left for a trip through the South.

A coroner's jury at Brazil, Ia., have blamed Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Palmer, healers by prayer, for the death of their child.

Misses at Juneau, Alaska, caused a riot when a priest attempted to officiate at the funeral of a Presbyterian.

The Great Northern Railway Company will pay the State of Minnesota a million in taxes.

Chillicothe, Mo., has voted for local option.

Justice Guy, of the Supreme Court of New York, at sitting in Brooklyn, fined 12 Jarymen who had tossed a coin to decide a case.

Father Leo Heinrichs, who was assassinated in Denver, wore banks of sharp-pointed steel on his body to scourge his flesh.

Foreign

In the ratification by the Prussian House of Lords of the principle of the Polish expropriation bill a number of those having close relations with the Imperial family voted against the government.

The Women's Disfranchisement Bill passed its first reading in the British House of Commons by 271 to 82. The suffragettes were mild when they learned the news.

The Prussian Government has taken more vigorous measures to end the state of anarchy in the mining districts. Fire and reinforcements of 5,099 men will be sent there.

Noted Russian writers are engaged in preparations for the international celebration of the eightieth anniversary of Count Tolstoi's birth.

Two bombs were thrown at the Shah of Persia in Teheran. He escaped, but three of his outriders were killed and 2 persons injured.

The principle of the foreign government's income tax bill was indorsed by the French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 336 to 146.

Seven of the terrorists charged with complicity in the plot to assassinate Grand Duke Sergius Alexandrovitch and the Minister of Justice were condemned to death by a military court in St Petersburg.

Lord Kitchener's expedition against the Zakkakheels in the mountains along the Indian Territory has been successful. Several villages of the clan have been scattered and their forts destroyed.

Official denial was given in Paris to the story of a secret alliance having been between the United States and France over the Panama revolutionists who were refugees in the French consulate.

Extraordinary efforts are being made to secure the release of Nicholas Tschaikovsky, the revolutionist, from the fortress in St. Petersburg.

Antoine Thanes, his mother and brother and an antiquarian, were arrested in Limoges, France, charged with church robberies.

A monk named Feodotoff, who assaulted and murdered 20 women in Russia, has been sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude.

It has come to light that the assassination of King Carlos of Portugal was part of a political intrigue.

The Terrorists accused of being involved in the attempt to assassinate Grand Duke Nicholas are to be tried before a military court behind closed doors.

OVER 300 BUILDINGS BURNED IN TAMPA, FLA.

Fifty-Five Acres of Southern City Laid in Ashes.

BLOW TO THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY.

Many Cigar Factories Being Among the Buildings Destroyed—One Cuban Woman Drops Dead from Fright —Weak Water Pressure Crippled Fire Department.

Tampa, Fla. (Special).—The entire extreme northeastern section of the city proper was destroyed by fire which raged from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. Sunday. The area burned covered 55 acres and 308 buildings were destroyed, with a loss estimated at $4,000,000.

The burned section included four large and one small cigar factories and numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding-houses and over 200 dwellings, occupied by cigar makers. The factories burned were those of M. Sanchez-Haya & Co., loss $100,000; M. Perez & Co., loss $50,000; Gonzales, Fleter & Co., loss $40,000; Esberg, Gunst & Co., branch of Stachelberg, loss $40,000; Fernandez & Brother, loss $20,000.

All factories carried large stocks of tobacco and cigars. The area swept by fire embraced all that portion of the city between Twelfth and Michigan Avenues, and Sixteenth and Twentieth Streets. In crossing the boarding house of Antonio Diaz, at 1714 Twelfth Avenue, and fanned by a strong wind, spread out, fan-shaped, driving the whole city before it.

The fire chief of the municipal city fire department, which was crippled by very weak water pressure. Occupants of over 200 dwellings fled panic-stricken into the streets, not attempting to save their belongings.

One fatality is reported, a Cuban woman, who died from fright and shock, her body being rescued from the burning house with difficulty.

Many persons were overcome by the heat, but only one was fatally prostrated, a soldier who was overcome while on duty. Several hundred refugees are encamped in the open air.

At the home of Miguel Rodriguez, a fashionable resident, a child's coffin awaiting funeral service was consumed.

Among the buildings other than factories destroyed were the hotels and cafes of Perez and Castro and Maxina Catras, also scores of twelve restaurants and ten boarding-houses. The car barns of the Tampa Electric Company, containing 50 cars, was also endangered, and owing to the destruction of trolley wires cars could not be moved. The fire finally burned itself out.

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COUNTRY MORALLY SOUND AND BETTER

Roosevelt Lauds the Dignity of Manual Labor.

PRESIDENT TO EDUCATORS.

"Fundamentally, this country is sound, morally no less than physically. Fundamentally, it is the family life and in the outside activities of its individuals the country is better and not worse than it formerly was. This does not mean that we are to be excused if we fail to war against rottenness and corruption, if we fail to conserve effectively against the forces of evil; and they waste their time who ask me to withhold my hand from dealing therewith."

"I trust that more and more our people will see to it that the schools train toward and not from the farm and workshop. We have spoken a great deal about the dignity of labor in this country, but we have not acted up to our spoken words, for in our education we have tended to prepare even the average boy and the educated man was to be educated away from and not toward labor."

"Teach the boy that he is to be expected to earn his own livelihood, that it is a cowardly and scandal for him not to be self-dependent, not to be one who shall his own in the rough work of actual life. Teach the girl that one way from its being her duty to try to avoid all labor, all effort, that it should be a matter of pride to her to be a good housewife as her mother was before her."

ANOTHER COAL STRIKE MAY BE IMPENDING

The Miners Threaten to Stop Work on March 31.

MR. MITCHELL RETIRES APRIL 1.

Conference Between Joint Committees of Miners and Operators at Indianapolis Adjourns Without Reaching an Agreement—Warning to the Operators Is Given by Secretary Wilson.

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special).—The Joint committee of coal miners and operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois adjourned here sine die, without reaching an agreement on the proposal to call a joint convention to re-establish the interstate agreement and fix a new wage scale to go into effect on April 1.

The final disagreement is the ultimate to months of argument and strategic sparring for position which characterized joint meetings held in October, December and January. Concessions are made by one or both sides the union bituminous coal miners of the country may cease work on March 31.

There were four important motions made and defeated before the final disagreement. President Chapman, of the Ohio operators, moved that the present wage scale be continued during April and more time be given to reach an agreement. Secretary Wilson, of the miners' organization, moved that the present scale hold good. He warned the operators that this action would be construed by mining after March 31 unless a wage agreement was reached.

President Fraser, of the Illinois operators, moved that the conference adjourn until March 10. This was defeated by the Illinois and Western Pennsylvania operators. Vice President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, moved to adjourn until March 10. This was also defeated by the Ohio and Indiana miners. A motion to adjourn until March 31 was then carried.

The last motion, made by A. M. Ogle, of the Indiana operators, to adjourn sine die, was carried after the motion to adjourn sine die motion had failed.

At the request of President Mitchell, of the miners' organization, the operators and miners indorsed the bill now before Congress to appropriate $200,000 to investigate recent mine disasters and explosives and to make recommendations.

Both operators and miners were moved by post mortem resolutions. Illinois operators, who are now in joint convention with the miners of that state, have not reached an agreement, and they asked for more time before going into a joint convention. President Mitchell will retire from office on April 1, when he will be succeeded by Vice President Lewis.

TREASURY'S GREAT STRENGTH.

For First Time Gold Coin And Bullion Reaches $1,000,000,000.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The strength of the United States treasury was demonstrated today when the first time the gold coin and bullion in the United States had reached and passed the billion dollar mark. Previously the total had been awarded the gold medal for the general exhibit of schoolwork shown in the Massachusetts building, and the gold medal for the exhibit of photographs, statistics, charts and literature relating to State boards and institutions. The jury previously awarded this State the gold medal for its exhibit of public health shown in the History Building.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA HAS A CLOSE CALL

Bombs Hurled at Him Kill Seven of His Outriders.

Teheran, Persia (By Cable).—Two bombs were thrown at the Shah of Persia as he drove through the streets. The ruler escaped unhurt, but three of his outriders were killed and 21 persons were injured. They would be assassins escaped. But for the fact that the Shah, against whom many threats have recently been made, had taken the precaution to send a closed motor car ahead of his own carriage there is little doubt he would have been killed. The conspirators were awaiting him on the roof of a house on the street adjoining the one through which he passed. So narrow is the street in which the outrage was committed that it was necessary to do little more than to drop the explosives from above while practical certainty that they would not miss the target.

It is plain that the plotters supposed the Shah was in the motor and the two bombs were thrown in rapid succession as it passed their hiding place.

The first exploded in the air, but the second fell almost underneath the car and burst with terrific violence. The motor was blown to bits, and the guards and spectators who lined the streets were hurled in heaps.

The door of the house was instantly broken open by the police, but the bird had flown. Suspicion was at once directed against a Babist fanatic, who had been dismissed from the service of the Shah. The driver of the Shah's carriage had also been dismissed for his report, and the vehicle, surrounded by guards, was allowed to pass unmolested to the palace.

The Shah has been at sword's points with a large element of his subjects for some time as a result of his efforts to break up the constitution granted by his predecessor. He has attempt was made to assassinate him, however, the disorders which had been raging in Persia practically subsided and it was supposed the trouble was over.

American Congratulations.

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Sales of clothing at wholesale show a loss when compared with a year at this season, when the demand was exceptional. Some manufacturers look for an improved demand, when jobbing quotations and in orders are usually placed. Retail movement until the fall season. There have been some reductions in the price of cotton goods, particularly trimmings. Money is unusually easy and collections slow.

Wholesale Markets.

Baltimore.—Flour—Quiet and unchanged. Receipts, 4,021. Shipments, 19,274.

Wheat—Firmer; spot, contract, 93¼@93⅝; spot, No. 2 red, 94¾@95; February, 93¾@94; May, 96⅜@97; steamer No. 2 red, 94@94½.

Corn—Dull; spot, mixed, 59⅞@60; No. 2 white, 59⅝@60; February, 59⅝@59⅝; March, 60⅛@60⅛; May, 62¾@63; steamer mixed, 55⅝@56; receipts, 62,329 bushels; stock, 26,834 bushels; Southern white corn, 60@60⅝; Southern yellow, 60⅝@60⅝.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 45½@46; No. 2 mixed, 44½@44¾; receipts, 1,140 bushels; stock, 41,491.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western, 76@76½; No. 2 nearby, 75½@76; receipts, 1,014; stock, 1,934.

Hay—Firm; No. 1 timothy, $20.50@21.00; No. 2 timothy, $19.50@20.00; No. 1 clover mixed, $19.50@20.00; No. 1 clover, $19.00@19.50.

Butter—Firm, unchanged; creamery, 25@26; fancy country prints, 24@25; fancy country packed, 20@22.

Eggs—Steady at 24.

Cheese—Quiet, unchanged; 14¾; flats, 14⅝; small 15; large, 14½.

New York.—Wheat—Receipts, 600 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 99½ elevator, 2 red, 99½ b., afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.02¾ f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 Winter, 1.07¾ f. o. b., afloat. Options were dull and irregular, but the undertone was considerably upward. Closed firm at ½@¾ net advance, with March 99⅞@1.00, closing at 99⅞; May, 96⅝@97, closing at 96⅝; July, 91⅝@92, closing at 91⅝.

Corn—Receipts, 12,500 bushels; spot steady; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 50@51½; steamer yellow, 50; No. 2 yellow, 51½@52; No. 2 white, 51½@52.

Oats—Receipts, 12,500 bushels; spot steady; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 34@36; natural white, 30@34; clipped white, 34@36.

Philadelphia.—Wheat steady; trade quiet; No. 2 red, 94@94½; No. 2 Western, 94@94½; No. 2 Southern, 94@94½; receipts, 1,450. No sales.

Chicago.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000 head; about 7,000 market active, steady. Sheep, 4.25@4.75; lambs, 5.50@6.75; yearlings, 5.50@5.75; wethers, 5.25@5.50; ewes, 3.25@4.50; calves, 3.75@7; receipts, 12,000 head; 25 cars; 10 loads; 10 cars; 2 loads; 10 cars; 2 loads; 10 cars; 2